

# radioactivity *(ra-di-o-ac-tiv-i-ty)*

## Definition

n. the process by which unstable atomic nuclei lose energy by emitting radiation.

## Example Sentence

French physicist Henri Becquerel opened a drawer and discovered spontaneous **radioactivity**.

## More Example Sentences

**Radioactivity** can be dangerous to health.

## Synonyms

radiation; decay; emission

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